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TAGS: SNAR

SUBJ: DRUG ABUSE ITEM AT 23RD CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
COLOMBO PLAN

REF: STATE 223001

1. EMBOFF MET NOV 19 WITH BRECKENRIDGE, WHO HANDLES NARCOTICS MATTERS IN MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TO DISCUSS NARCOTICS AGENDA ITEM AT WELLINGTON COLOMBO PLAN CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. BRECKENRIDGE CONFIRMED THAT GSL DELEGATION WOULD BE HEADED BY SRI LANKA HIGH COMMISSIONER TO AUSTRALIA, JUSTIN SIRIWARDENA, AND WOULD HAVE AKIEL MOHAMED, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF EXTERNAL RESOURCES, MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AS ONLY OTHER MEMBER. BRECKENRIDGE APPEARED NOT TO HAVE FOCUSED ON ANY SPECIFIC ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION UNDER NARCOTICS AGENDA ITEM BUT SAID HE WOULD BRIEF DELEGATION ON NARCOTICS SITUATION IN SRI LANKA. HE COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON COLOMBO PLAN BUREAU DRUG ABUSE SEMINAR HELD HERE IN MID-OCT (COLOMBO 2834) AND SAID SRI LANKA WOULD COOPERATE IN INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS ON NARCOTICS CONTROL.

2. PREOCCUPIED WITH ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENTAL ITEMS ON WELLINGTON AGENDA, GSL CLEARLY HAS NOT FIXED ATTENTION ON NARCOTICS QUESTION. SINCE MOHAMED HAS ALREADY LEFT COLOMOBO, ANY BRIEFINGS ON NARCOTICS WILL PRESUMABLY BE BY TELEGRAM AN INADEQUATE TO SERVE AS BASIS SIGNIFICANT GSL PARTICIPATION IN NARCOTICS DISCUSSION. WE WOULD THEREFORE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE EMBASSY CANBERRA'S RAISING NARCOTICS ITEM WITH AMB SIRIWARDENA BEFORE WELLINGTON MEETING ALONG LINES SUGGESTED REFTEL.  
VAN HOLLEN

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